

321—24.39(231D) Transportation. When transportation services are provided directly or under contract with the program:

1. The vehicle shall be accessible and appropriate to the participants using it, with consideration for any physical disabilities and impairments.
2. Every participant who is being transported shall have a seat in the vehicle, except those participants who remain in their wheelchairs.
3. Wheelchairs shall be secured when the vehicle is in motion.
4. Vehicles shall have adequate seat belts and securing devices for ambulatory and wheelchair-bound passengers.
5. During loading and unloading of a participant, the driver shall be in the proximate area of the other participants in a vehicle.
6. Assistance, if needed, shall be provided from the ground floor of the participant's residence to the ground floor of the facility.
7. The driver shall have a valid and appropriate Iowa driver's license or commercial driver's license as required by law for the vehicle being utilized for transport. The driver shall meet any state and federal requirements for licensure or certification for the vehicle operated.
8. Each vehicle shall have a first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, safety triangles and a device for two-way communication.